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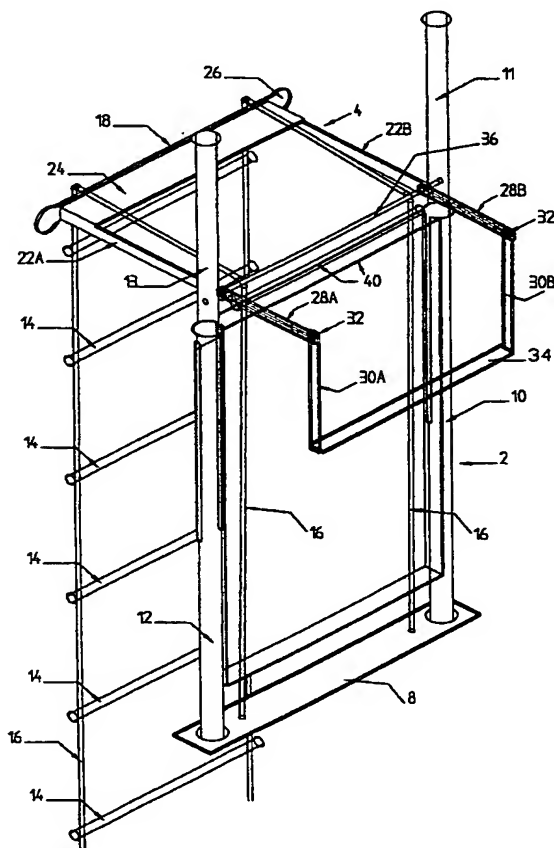
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(54) Title: FIRE ESCAPE APPARATUS



(57) Abstract: Fire escape apparatus suitable for use in locations where escape requires a movement from a first level to a second lower level is described. The apparatus comprises a casing (40), a flexible ladder (14, 16), and a means for deploying said ladder (11, 22, 24). The casing (40) has a mouth and is of sufficient dimensions to contain the flexible ladder (14, 16) when not in use. The deployment means (11, 22, 24) includes a spacer means (22, 24) and one or more handle means (11). The deployment means may be reversibly reconfigured between a storage configuration and a deployed configuration. The casing may be built into the structure which is to be escaped from, and the ladder is protected, when not in use, by the casing.

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